

Here's Wishing All Our Readers Everywhere A Happy Yuletide Season

Christmas Message

"THE HOPE OF THE WORLD"

"It came upon the midnight clear,

That glorious song of old."

In this beautiful hymn the author expresses for us the very heart of the Christmas message in this troubled hour of history. On that first Christmas there was a song in the night, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Amongst Men of Good Will."

To a world perplexed, hopeless, steeped in misery, a world where over-indulgence and vice held in bondage those who should have been the leaders and seers of their people; a world where all religious foundations and life had been undermined by formalism, prejudice, and bigotry, and its spiritual life had become chilled and blighted; a world where the military might of Imperial Rome held sway over all countries, great and small; to such a world the song of songs was given, and not only the song of songs, but the Gift of gifts. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

In the Old Testament there is a very wonderful and hopeful message of prophecy for a people burdened and distressed. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." How very clearly this great prophet pictures for his people a coming Messiah, and portrays His life and character. We today know how truly Jesus bore and fulfilled all the titles ascribed in this great prophecy of Isaiah. His, indeed, was the wonderful life that has ever been lived. Won-

derful in its purity, its unselfishness, its magnanimity and its sacrificial love.

As a Counsellor and Guide He has stood, and still stands, without a peer, as many of the world's greatest masters and leaders have testified. The historian, Lecky, tells us that during the three short years of Christ's teachings and ministry, He did more to soften and regenerate the heart of mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers, and all the exhortations of moralists.

That He was one with God, the Father, is clearly evident from His own words and life. To Philip's request, "Show us the Father," He answered, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and again, "I and my Father are one." John testified "That was the true light that cometh into the world." "He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not."

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin tells the story of a cultured, young lady teacher, of Jewish birth, who had lost faith in the religion of her people, whose religious foundations seemed to be entirely undermined. Later there came to her life an overwhelming experience of loss and sorrow. Thus burdened with loneliness and grief she was led by a lady friend to attend the services of Dr. Coffin's church. After one of his services when she was shaking hands with the minister, she told him "I see it all now." To Dr. Coffin's enquiry regarding her enlightenment she told him, "I find that I cannot think of anything in the character of God that I do not find in Jesus Christ, and there is nothing that I need God for that Jesus Christ does not do for me."

Then, too, how naturally He bears the title "Prince of Peace." His peace is not merely a negative virtue. It is not simply the absence of war. His peace is defin-

itely positive. It is the peace of understanding, the peace of unselfishness, the peace of right relationships, the peace of good will; the only peace which can endure.

There is, moreover, a further message in this old time prophecy, which we may do well to recall at this time—"Of thine increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." What a wonderful vision, and faith this old time prophet and seer of Israel had. His great message of hope wings its way on and on, through the centuries to the birth of the Christ Child, and down through all the following centuries with added glory because "The word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth."

Our Christmas, 1943, still finds the world's masses in the suffering and anguish of war, but the coming of the joyful day has always served to renew our faith and strength, our hope in man's destiny, and if we but open our hearts to the Christmas message and spirit, it will not fail us at this time.

An age of warfare feeds and nourishes the growth of discord ill-will, and there are those who quite openly affirm that it is an essential weapon for the triumph of our cause. Surely this cannot be so. Amongst Christian people, if no where else, it must be kept in mind that when these terrible days of strife are over, the world's stock of understanding and goodwill is the only material out of which a new and better order of living can be built. In the words of Wilson Woodside, "We must have a better order and a lasting peace—or else."

Dr. Albert F. Gilmore, in his recent book, "The Christ at the Peace Table," assures us, "The Christ at the peace table will ensure its great endeavor. Nothing less can provide a Peace in which all nations and all peoples can work out their destinies in safety, unopposed by the terrible curse of war. That the people of the United Nations yearn for it, is beyond question. That it is possible of realization is equally assured. If there is to be the same determination to win the peace that is now manifested in winning the war, the peace desired will be the result. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

This Christmas ought to be, for us all, a special season of brighter hopes and gratitude to God, because we have not only the strength and means to continue a war of defense, but are now reaching for a maximum of armament and effort, and are now in a position, together with our allies, to take the initiative, and to do so with many added evidences that, under the providence of God, we are winning the war. Thus, with humble and grateful hearts may we go forward confident that, with Divine aid, ours shall be the victory and the peace.

Regardless of what the immediate future may hold of continued struggle and sacrifice, may we keep burning and undimmed, the Light of the Christian Faith and Spirit, which has been so beautifully expressed by the famed United States soldier, General MacArthur, when he said, "It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but, in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father which art in Heaven.'"

In this spirit of beautiful child-like trust and confidence may we face the responsibilities, and, if need be, the sacrifices which lie before us. In this spirit may we be the bearers and sharers of the old time prophetic message, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end," and of the glorious Christmas story of joy and hope. "Unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

With all good Christmas Wishes to our people and friends.

Your minister and friend,
REV. E. LONGMIRE

Christmas Services At Local Churches

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, December 26, 1943

Passendale—Public Worship—11:15 a.m.

Roseberry—Public Worship—3:45 p.m.

Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.

Public Worship—7:30 p.m.

These will be the regular Christmas services. Special Christmas hymns will be a feature of the evening service.

A hearty invitation to all.

ST. MARY'S (ANGELICAN)

Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 26th, at 2 p.m.

Celebration of the Holy Communion, also Christmas Hymns and Carols.

Please note the change of time—2 o'clock p.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

J. B. Stolee, Pastor.

SHARON—

Christmas Day—Christmas Service—11:00.

Sunday, Jan. 2.—Special Norwegian Service—2:00.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS

Ptes. Delbert Coffin and Charles Huckle arrived home on Wednesday on Christmas furlough.

In the December 10th edition of the Vancouver News-Herald was an account of four Vancouver airmen receiving Air Force decorations, one of whom, PO J. H. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Mason, 312 E. Fifth St., North, Vancouver, and a nephew of Mrs. E. Longmire, of Irma, Alberta, received the D.F.C. for completing many successful operations against the enemy in which he displayed great skill, fortitude, and devotion to duty. PO J. H. Mason has a brother, PO C. L. Mason, a flying instructor, with the RCAF in Canada, and a sister, LAW Margaret E. Mason, also with the RCAF. PO Mason joined the Air Force two years ago and went overseas a year later as a pilot.

FARMERS!—Your union is the most important part of your business. It is your interest and your duty to join. Further it is up to you to attend the meetings of your local, not to sit at home and complain because farming conditions are not satisfactory. Plan to attend the next meeting of the Irma local in Hedley's Hall. The date has been changed to January 10th, 1944, in order that Mr. Jackson might attend. A social evening is being arranged. In the meantime, time in CFRA each Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.; CFCN each Friday at 9:15 p.m.

NO IRMA TIMES FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st.

Our next issue will be dated Friday, December 24th, Christmas Greeting issue. Following our usual custom no paper will be published between Christmas and New Year's.

RAGS—RAGS—RUBBER

A new certificate for the shipping of waste rags and rubber which must be used before the end of December. So come on folks! We know you meant to clean out that rag bag or trunk. Now's your chance. The Salvage Committee are more than anxious to send off a good shipment very soon now. Every rag or rubber tire or tube will do its part to back our enemies off the face of the globe.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DANCE

Friday, December 31st

KIEFER'S HALL—IRMA

Johnny Herron's Orchestra

Lunch Served

Admission—30c Per Person



IRMA WITH YOU FOR CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

AND MAY 1944 BE BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS FOR YOU

We appreciate the business you have given us in the past and hope that we may serve you in the future

IRMA GARAGE — J. Ostad, Proprietor

Christmas Greetings

This glad time brings us pleasant associations with happy recollections of our many friends, and we mean it when we say

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

IRMA HARDWARE — Jack Fletcher, Manager

Christmas Greetings

We Hope and Trust that Your Christmas will be the Happiest One You have ever known, and 1944 a Joyous and Prosperous Year for You.

THE CLUB CAFE IRMA

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Dominion's First Parachute School At Shilo, Manitoba, Has Many Surprising Devices

(By Sgt. A. Christopher, Canadian Army Public Relations)

SHILO, Man.—On the outskirts of this big military area are the sandy areas comprising the Dominion's first Parachute school, "restricted area" signs warning that its secrets are not for the eyes of the curious. Beyond the signs are mechanical contraptions that at first glance resemble "thrill" rides of a super midway, outstanding among them being a 250-foot steel-ribbed jump tower that dwarfs all else for miles around.

Only when the devices are explained by an expert paratroop instructor do they make sense. He is a parachutist, but not a paratrooper. Several months of training in tactics and the weapons he will use once he is landed are necessary to make a paratrooper.

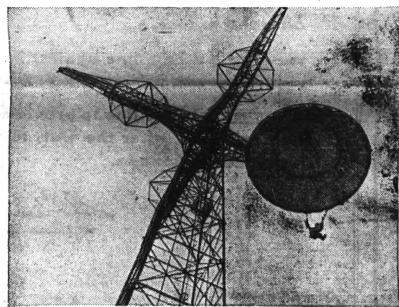
to jump safely without injury to himself or others. He is a parachutist, but not a paratrooper. Several months of training in tactics and the weapons he will use once he is landed are necessary to make a paratrooper.

Britain's Produce

People Answer Government's Call To Grow More Food

Impressive figures show the extent to which the British people have translated the Government's call to grow more food at home into action. In four years, the number of allotment holders in England and Wales has increased by from 700,000 to 900,000, and the grand total of allotment-holders now stands at approximately 1,800,000. In some areas, development has been especially marked; and in the London suburb of Wembley, for example, the pre-war 130 plots have increased to 2,600. At the lowest estimate, these war allotments are producing 450,000 tons of essential foodstuffs a year, whereby the ordinary man and woman of Great Britain is saving at least 18,000,000 cubic feet of shipping-space a year. In addition, between two and three million private garden owners produce annually tremendous quantities of vegetables and fruit.

Enthusiasm originally meant inspiration by the presence of God.



Steel-ribbed 250-foot jumping tower is spectacular part of training. Of four arms, three allow "free" jumps, while fourth is controlled.

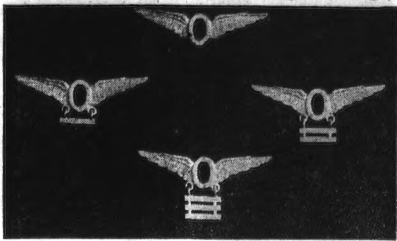


Instructor is throwing out right leg with good kick as students watch technique of leaving plane. Prop blast will strike leg and turn jumper correctly.



Packing and function of parachute is taught in huge hangar. Instructor Lieut. A. A. J. Liddard, Ottawa, shows how chute is released. High-pitched that it cannot be heard by many human beings.

Bars Added To R.C.A.F. "Ops" Wing



—R.C.A.F. Photo.

The R.C.A.F.'s new operational wing (top) which will be awarded to members of aircraft who complete a tour of operations has been augmented with the addition of a bar for each additional tour. One bar to the wing (left) indicates that the wearer has completed two tours of operations, two bars (right), three tours, and three bars (lower centre) show that four tours of operational flying have been completed. Hundreds of R.C.A.F. aircrew will soon receive their wing, many with a bar. The number of sorties constituting a tour has been laid down and aircrew who qualify for the award both in Canada and overseas will be entitled to the new wing. The certificate presented with the gold wing reads, "in recognition of distinguished services in that he has completed a tour of operational duty in action against the enemy."

Spending In Peace

From An Address By Lord Wavell, Viceroy Of India, To The London Pilgrims' Society.

It has always seemed to me a curious fact that money is forthcoming in any quantity for a war, but that no nation has ever yet produced the money on the same scale to fight the evils of peace—poverty, lack of education, unemployment, ill-health.

When we are prepared to spend our money and our efforts against them as freely and with the same spirit as against Hitler, and when we pay our schoolmasters at a much higher rate and our lawyers, perhaps, at a somewhat lower rate, we shall really be making progress.

In the country to which I go those evils of poverty, lack of education, and disease have to be met on probably a greater scale than anywhere else.

Great Ice Invasion

Effects Are Still Very Much In Evidence Throughout Canada

Among the great geological events in Canada's history were the Pleistocene glacial invasions. These occurred within comparatively recent times and the effects are still evident in the existence throughout the Dominion of countless lakes, rapids and waterfalls. The rich soils of our agricultural regions in Southern Ontario and the prairie provinces are also the direct result of glacial action.

The cause of this great ice invasion is still controversial but the fact is indisputable. The glaciers spread and retreated at least four times during the Pleistocene period of the last million years. There were mild spells when the climate was warmer than at the present time. Warm water shells and fragments of mild climate trees found as fossils testify to these moderate interglacial climates. Such mementos may be found in the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Ice invasions form in high land, and around the poles. It is believed that before the great ice invasion Canada stood much higher above sea level than now, perhaps 2,000 feet. The ice weighed down the earth's crust and then melted away. The sea came up into the Lake Ontario basin and extended far into the Ottawa river depression. Later when the land gradually rose the sea retreated to its present position.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

New Edible Oil

Safflower Plant Has Been Grown In Western Provinces For Some Time

In the work of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in relation to increasing the output of vegetable oils, progress has been reported in the investigations on safflower, in conjunction with the great advance made in the oil-bearing seeds of flax, soybeans, sunflowers, and rape. Safflower is an annual thistle-like herb which has been widely distributed in India as an oil-producing plant. The oil is used for edible purposes and also in the manufacture of soap. Because of its semi-drying properties, it also has been found useful as a paint and varnish oil and for waterproofing purposes. A particular property of the oil is its ability to prevent "after-yellowing" of white or pale-tinted paints.

Safflower was introduced to Western Canada within the past ten years in the hope that it might find a place in the drier areas. Since 1936, several lines have been collected by the Cereal Division, Dominion Experimental Farms Service, and tested in several parts of Canada, with a yield of 20 to 25 per cent. in oil content. Much valuable data were also obtained in 1941-42, and as a result more recent introductions by the Cereal Division have produced a higher oil content. These are now under test.

BLOOD BANK FOR CHINA

The first blood bank in the world to be operated entirely by Chinese doctors, technicians and nurses was opened in New York City on June 7, 1943, for the purpose of collecting plasma for the armies of China. Eventually, its staff and equipment will be sent to China to establish the country's first blood bank, and first school of instruction in kind of work.

The shrill squeak of a bat is so high-pitched that it cannot be heard by many human beings.

British Merchant Service Has Performed Many Valiant Tasks In The True Traditional Manner

(By Robert Mackay)

BUFFETED by Atlantic gales, bombed, torpedoed, and set on fire, a British merchant ship, separated from her convoy, still got through to North Africa, her destination. She arrived there with thousands of tons of essential military stores. The master scarcely left the bridge during the whole voyage. But on one occasion, after successfully beating off a U-boat attack, he decided he could have a bath. Just as he began to enjoy it, a torpedo blasted a 40-foot hole in the ship's side, and he ran naked to the bridge and took over the command.

The story, recently related, is but one of a host of instances that might be quoted to illustrate the kind of life which the men of the British Merchant Service have been leading since the outbreak of war. An equally typical story was told by Lord Baldwin when he addressed The Company of Master Mariners in London, in 1928. After referring to "the unflinching courage and endurance" of Britain's seamen in the 1914-18 war, Lord Baldwin said he would illustrate that tribute by giving one brief story which had never till then been published.

A British trawler in the North Sea sighted two German cruisers, he said, "and, being British, it attacked." The last phrase alone is worth volumes! The German cruisers, went on Lord Baldwin, fired two broadsides into the trawler, and left her to sink. The result was that the only man unhurt in the trawler was the skipper. His mate, Charlie, was still alive, but was pinned under a 12-pounder. By skilful use of tackle in the rigging, the skipper succeeded in raising the gun and freeing the mate, whom he then placed in a boat just before the trawler sank.

The boat was eventually picked up, and Charlie was sent to Chatham for an operation. After spending six months on his back, he was invalided out of the Service, disabled. He went by train to his home port, where his wife was waiting to greet him. Before he had time to leave the station—there was a North-West gale blowing—he heard the lifeboat called by gun fire. Now Charlie had been a member of that lifeboat crew before the war. Without a word, he pushed his wife into his wife's hands, went to join his old comrades in the lifeboat, and helped to rescue the crew of the ship in distress. Then he went home. He sat down to supper with a woman whose silent courage was a fitting counterpart of his own.

The recent announcement that, for the first time since September, 1939, the Allies have a surplus of shipping makes those stories particularly apposite, for although a variety of factors has brought about this dramatic change in the shipping-tonnage situation, the one ever-potent factor has been "the unflinching courage and endurance" of Britain's seamen. Without it, Germany would have triumphed. Europe would have been dominated, and the whole world would today be at the mercy of the tyranny of Nazism.

The British held the breach in the dark days, and now more merchant ships are at sea in escort convoys and carrying essential cargoes than at any previous period since the outbreak of war. The convoys arrive and depart with almost the regularity of railway schedules. They are splendidly guarded by air and sea escorts. But it must never be forgotten that early in the war the inadequate number of escort ships was a very serious matter, and the protection screen was all too thin. All this was well known to the men in the British Mercantile Marine. What was the attitude of those British seamen then? They growled defiant anger—but they sailed. The attitude was typical and traditional. But though it expressed a rough disdain of heroics, it can never obscure the real heroism it sought to hide.

The merchant and fishing fleets have been the nurseries of Britain's fighting men, for the sea sense is woven into the national life of the whole British people. It was, we may be sure, his perception of this essential fact that led Emerson to use a nautical metaphor when, in 1856, he declared that he saw England not "dispirited and decrepit" but "young and still daring to believe in her power of endurance." He had, he wrote, "a kind of instinct that England sees a little better on a cloudy day, and that in storm and calamity she has a secret vigour."

Fittingly enough, a modern essayist, Professor George Santayana uses a similar metaphor when he writes that what governs the Englishman is "his inner atmosphere, the weather in his soul." And Professor Santayana goes on to say that the Englishman is by instinct no conqueror but "travels and conquers without a set design, because he has the instinct of exploration. He carries his

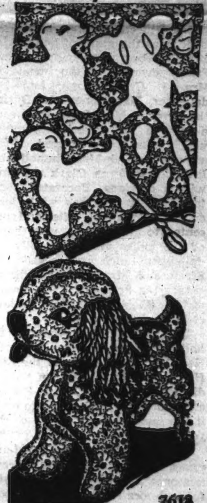
English weather in his heart wherever he goes, and it becomes a steady and sane oracle amongst all the deliriums of mankind.

It is, indeed, no mere chance that those who think or write or speak of the British character envisage it as saturated with the tradition of the sea. The ships change with the centuries, but the men who go down to the sea remain. The lesson they learn from the sea is not only that of self-reliant courage, but that of thought of others; for the quiet thoroughness of the British seamen comes from his high sense of duty. He knows that if he is careless about even the smallest job he has to do, he risks "letting the other fellow down," and perhaps endangering the whole ship's company. And not only all on board, but the ship itself—the ship which, for the British seamen, is also a living thing.

Courage and simplicity, strict honesty of purpose and self-reliance, humanity and tolerance—these are the qualities which the sea produces. They are the sea sense which has been woven into Britain's life. They are the qualities which the great American essayist we have already quoted recognized as permanent characteristics of the people.

That was why he exclaimed prophetically that he saw England—"with strength still equal to the time, still wise to entertain and swift to execute the policy which the heart and mind of mankind require at the present moment."

Cuddly Poodle



by Alice Brooks

Cute, isn't he? Why not make him for a toy or mascot? He's simple as pie to do—just four pattern pieces, quickly sewn together of a gay print—the shaggy ears are "trimmed" with rug cotton and you're done; and your pet poodle stands squarely on his four little feet. Pattern 7611 contains a transfer pattern and directions for dog.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

A GOOD EXAMPLE

Sir William Mulock, veteran former Chief Justice of Ontario, has made an outstanding success of planting trees. Many years ago he started to plant black walnut trees on his farm near Toronto, and he has now a stand of 45,000, some of them well on their way to maturity, when they will be worth a fortune. It is just a little instance of what can be done by reforestation in the denuded sections of the country.

A small blood capillary is one-fiftieth the thickness of a human hair.

Viking Items

For the past few days the local creamery have been paying out the annual balance on cream, and we understand that the total this year is over \$23,000. The total is not as large as last year when the largest balance in the history of the creamery was paid out, but during the year the spread between the initial price paid for cream and the market value of butter was smaller than in most years. Considering the fact that the producer received on the average over 4c per pound more than in the previous year, at the time the cream was marketed, the balance paid this year is remarkably high. We are given to understand that the total balances which have been paid out by the Viking Co-operative Creamery Association is around \$300,000.

The quantity of butter made this year shows an increase of almost 80,000 pounds over the previous year. This is an increase of about 3 per cent. in the amount manufactured. Last year the million mark was topped for the first time in the history of the creamery, and this year the one million, one hundred thousand mark will be almost reached.

We understand that the balance is paid out to over fifteen hundred patrons of the creamery, and as an individual account must be kept for each one, getting out the balance each year in time for Christmas entails a tremendous amount of work on the part of the office staff.

For the first half of the year the business was under the able management of J. J. Skaltitzky who had been manager for about thirty years, but who resigned his position this year. His successor, Mr. Magnus Hansen, is a young man with a number of years experience in creamery work, and who, until his appointment as manager of the Viking Creamery, was manager of the Grande Prairie Creamery.

Mr. G. A. Loades is president of the Association, which position he has filled since the death of the late John Kringen, who was president from the foundation of the Association until his death.

Mrs. Vincent Slavik, a recent bride, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hennessy and her daughter, Miss Genevieve. During the evening Mrs. Comisarow sang a couple of favorite numbers which were much enjoyed. After a contest, which Mrs. Thunell won, little Miss Merna Clark appeared with a carriage decorated very tastefully in pink and white loaded with beautiful gifts, and presented to Mrs. Slavik, who thanked the ladies very gracefully. A delightful lunch was served, Mrs. Streit and Mrs. J. L. Slavik assisting the hostesses. The singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" closed a happy evening.

The outstanding event of the holiday season promises to be the New Year's eve dance in the Elks' Hall under the auspices of the Ladies of St. Mary's Church. Preparations are well under way to make it the most pleasant affair of this year.

Novelties will be distributed and prizes awarded for several special numbers. The hall will be tastefully decorated in holiday mood, and all those attending are sure to enjoy the affair whether they dance or not. The Viking Jive orchestra will furnish music and have some new numbers up their sleeve.

Come and see the old year out and the New Year in with your friends at the New Year's eve dance at Viking.

Christmas carols and Christmas anthems featured the services at the United Church last Sunday evening. The church was filled with a congregation that listened intently to the Christmas message in song and story. The service consisted of three acceptance anthems by the choir, a duet by Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Harney, a male quartette, Messrs. Wm. Elliott, V. A. Hardy, P. Nordstrom and H. G. Thunell; vocal solos by Mrs. Comisarow and Mr. Harney. Mr. K. Hillier played the organ accompaniments, and Mrs. Harney led the choir. Rev. Wm. Chisholm gave the text for his Christmas message, "Fear not, For I Bring You Good Tidings." He spoke of the numerous fears people have, fear of hearing bad news, fear of sickness, fear of old age, fear that their children may go wrong, fear of bad crops, fear of storms, fears of all kinds, but the message of Christmas was one of "Fear Not, I Bring You Good Tidings."

NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

There have been several influenza victims in Jarro and vicinity but so far there have been no serious developments.

The large store in Jarro, owned by J. C. Curlett, of Westlock, has been purchased by Mr. J. Stenson, of Kinross. Much of the building has been dismantled and the material removed.

Rev. R. Clegg, of Edgerton, representing the Wainwright Presbytery, visited Jarro, Tuesday, December 14th, where he met representatives of the Melbrae, Batts and Jarro appointments. He presented the objective set by the United Church General Council, re ministerial salaries and plans suggested for its attainment. He also discussed with the members of the local church problems.

The minimum salary for ordained ministers, which was set at the time of church union at \$1,800 has been reduced in depression years to \$1,250 on mission fields, and also on many other charges. In a number of instances this has been implemented since the war by a cost of living bonus. This year the Home Mission Board has increased the grants by \$100.00. The hope is that the local fields can increase their support by \$100.00. If this were done, the new objective of \$1,500.00 a year would be met to the extent of \$1,450.

Those who are interested in the welfare of the church have been very unhappy over the inadequate salaries of so many of its ministers, and are hoping, with the sympathy and co-operation of the people to remedy the situation.

A. F. U. Notes

"Building for the Future." Social security in Canada if it is to be worthy of the name, must not overlook Canada's Number 1 industry—Agriculture.

We quote from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: "Principles of Post War Reconstruction for Agriculture."

"Organized farmers are heartily in sympathy with Social Security measures which apply to the whole population. Too often, in the past, schemes have been proposed, and some enacted, which give slight consideration, or practically none, to the farmer and his family. If the country as a whole is to contribute to Social Security plans the farmers, as well as others, should come in for their share of the benefits. In the administration of any Social Security scheme for Canada agriculture should be adequately represented on administering boards."

In the dark thirties when evil times fell upon the farming industry, it was only a matter of time until practically every business and industry in the province was undermined, and almost every kind of social service was endangered.

The "dark thirties" taught the lesson that in this western country if agriculture is allowed to languish there can be no assurance of security for anyone.

Organized farmers in the A.F.U. are working to build strong the foundation of the agricultural industry as a step towards Social Security to everyone. By supporting this organization farmers can help to build that foundation.

This being our last weekly notes for 1943, we take this opportunity to wish one and all "A Merry Xmas and a Peaceful Victorious New Year."

"Food for Victory."

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Egyptian rice production in the 1943-44 season is placed at 565,000 tons, as compared with 660,100 tons produced in 1942-43. Present conditions indicate that Mexican corn production this year will be about 20 per cent. less than in 1942. Argentina's exportable wheat surplus was estimated recently at 136,990,000 bushels, as compared with 160,829,000 bushels a year ago.

The U.S. War Production Board has increased the total tonnage of farm machinery permitted to be exported to Canada—Canadian wheat and flour exports this August totalled 27,707,135 bushels, the largest August shipments in five years—Argentina's wheat crop is estimated by Broomhall at 297,180,000 bushels, more than 20 million bushels higher than last year's crop.



MORRIS SURDIN

Who is gaining an increasingly important place in Canadian radio, is conducting the Voice of Victor orchestra on Thursday evenings. Mr. Surdin's arrangements are a feature of the weekly radio opus. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, heard on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. CDT (6:00 p.m. MDT).

RADIOGRAMS FROM CJCA

The enchantment of a waltz by Lehár; the melodies of Strauss and other waltz kings, past and present, set the musical atmosphere for the distinctive Friday night program, "WALTZ TIME." Tenor, Frank Munn; contralto, Evelyn McGregor, and Abe Lyman's orchestra are featured in this half-hour of three-quarter time, heard from CJCA every Friday night at 7:00.

Big cash prizes, fun and information spells entertainment plus, on "TREASURE TRAIL" heard every Tuesday evening at 8:15 from CJCA. It's grand to listen to but even better to take part in. So get your Wrigley wrappers, name and address in the mail and join the fun on "The Quiz Sensation of the Nation."

Another half-hour of glorious music an dson comes to you Sunday evening at 7:30 on the "AMERICAN ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC." Be on hand to hear the inspiring voice of Frank Munn with Jean Dickenson, Evelyn McGregor and the Amsterdam chorus bringing you songs and music, familiar and loved by all.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange, Director "The Crop Testing Plan"

MORE ABOUT MIXTURES

Thirteen years work of testing some 180,000 farmers' fields of wheat have shown us that whenever anything like a crop failure, or a bad frost occurs in a district, the next year there is a serious increase in bad mixtures found in the wheat crops.

This, of course, is because in the emergency the farmer has to use any kind of seed he can obtain. Then we find that after a few years, during which farmers have been buying better seed, the mixtures decrease. This all shows how important it is that all those who have the responsibility of making seed available to farmers in such times of trouble, whether private individuals, grain companies, or Governments, should take the utmost care in seeing to it that only the very best seed obtainable is distributed, for whenever bad mixtures are present in a crop, the quality of the wheat tends to decline.

The "Crop Testing Plan" notes each year, from its analysis of crops, the names of thousands of farmers who have really good true-to-variety wheat, free from mixtures and so quite suitable for seed, on their farms to sell. This "Crop Testing Plan" "A" stock is the material we suggest that should be distributed to farmers in times of drought or frost.

Wash cotton stockings in mild soap and water. Never hang cotton stockings in the hot sun, or over a radiator, and never iron them. Ironing may cause them to lose their shape, too hot an iron may weaken the delicate fibres. Also, remember cotton stockings are less elastic than silk—so you should launder them carefully if you want them to keep their shape. It's easy to put your finger through cotton mesh—so it's a good idea to roll the stockings before you put it on, then slip it over the foot and unroll it gently up the calf.



WE MUST HOLD THE LINE!

On the home front the battle against inflation is now the most critical of all.

The winning of this battle will contribute much to winning the war.

It will contribute more than all else towards the solution of post-war problems.

The purpose of Price Control is to prevent inflation. Its purpose is to protect and maintain a basic standard of living.

A higher money income will not be of any advantage if, because prices are going up, our money buys less and less.

To win the battle against unemployment in the post-war period, we must first of all win the battle against inflation.

Salaries and wages are a large element, often the largest element, in the cost of everything we buy.

If the Price Ceiling breaks down, in the long run all stand to lose.

We must hold the line against inflation to assure victory in war.

We must hold the line to provide a solid foundation on which, after the war, to build a greater and a better Canada.

William Lyon Mackenzie King

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Ottawa, December 13, 1943

Canadian Pacific Women Fill Enlisted Men's Places



Involving such predominantly masculine strongholds as locomotive shops and maintenance of way gangs, women have been helping to take up part of the slack caused by the enlistment of 16,285 men in the active armed forces from the Canadian Pacific Railway. At the first of September this year there were 675 women employed by the Canadian Pacific in positions normally filled by men.

This layout shows some of the women at work. Giving the final touches to the top of a locomotive in the roundhouse at Sudbury, Ont., are Olive Kennedy cleaning up the number plate and Jennie Neil doing some other cleaning.

Smiling Vivian Constant, at the phone and silhouetted against the engine crew call board, is called "boy" for 77 crews in the locomotive shops at North Bay, Ont., while Mary Lemieux, pictured chalking up directions as a car checker, also works in North Bay where her father, Joe Lemieux, is a Canadian Pacific trainman.

Father-daughter combinations are not unusual now as demonstrated by the railroading Sauves of Sudbury in the picture where Fred Sauve, company boiler-maker, sees how close he can come to his daughter, Lucille Sauve, an engine wiper, with a bit of grease. The list of women doing men's jobs shows there are 294 on eastern lines and 171 in the West in the mechanical and operating departments while the communications department is using 210 girls as telegraph messengers.



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Our Friends
at Home
Our Boys and Girls
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I wish to take this opportunity to wish
our many friends and customers
A Merry Christmas and
A
Happy New Year

TRAVEL BY BUS

Here's how you can help with our Nation's Transportation problem:

1. Travel on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of on crowded week-ends.
2. Avoid travelling on holidays during the rush season.
3. If you are sometimes inconvenienced, smile it off as a contribution to winning the war.
4. Consult your Agent or Driver for travel information.

Sunburst Motor Coaches Ltd.

M. D. Wainwright No. 392 Council Minutes

Wainwright, Alberta,
December 9, 1943.
The council of the Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 392, met in the Council Chamber on Thursday, December 9, 1943. Full Council present as follows: Cirs. Fahner, Strachan, Sutherland, Spencer, Dixon, Taylor and Archibald. Reeve Sutherland in the chair.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that the Minutes of the Meeting of November 11 be approved as written.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Dixon that the accounts as approved by the Finance Committee and listed below be passed and ordered paid:
\$5,301.53.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Taylor that the following pay-sheets be passed and ordered paid:
\$2,644.80.—Carried.

Administration and Taxation
P. E. Mahoney waited on Council regarding taxes and Seed Grain Advances on the S's 20-42-4-4.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that we grant Mr. P. E. Mahoney whatever concessions are allowed under the Act concerning his case.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Dixon that Cirs. Fahner see what can be done re supplying a small building for the Chauvin cemetery.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that the Secretary give sub-permits for trapping muskrats only on the recommendation of the Cirs. for the Division concerned, and that a list of all permits granted be supplied to the R.C.M.P.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that the report of our equalized Assessment be accepted and ordered filed.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that the following Polls be set up in that part of the old Vale District for the purpose of the election of a Hospital Trustee for the Wainwright Hospital Board: Buffalo View School with J. M. Currier, D.R.O.; Park Road School with Bruce Nichols, D.R.O.; House Lake School with Walter Jackson, D.R.O.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that the following Polls be set up in that part of the old Gilt Edge District lying in Division 3 for the purpose of the election of a Hospital Trustee for the Wainwright Hospital Board: The Heath School with George Turnbull, D.R.O., and Greenshield School with C. E. Patterson, D.R.O.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Taylor that the following Polls be set up in Division 5 for the purpose of electing a Councillor for the said Division and for the election of a Hospital Trustee for that part of the old Gilt Edge District lying within this division. The Saddle Hill with C. G. Moore, D.R.O.; Giles School with M. C. Rublee, D.R.O.; the Grangeville School with M. W. McTurk, D.R.O.; the Plaxtonville School with Ted Goddard, D.R.O.; and the Battle Creek School with Marvin Plaxton, D.R.O.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Dixon that the following Polls be set up in Division 6 for the purpose of electing a Councillor for the said Division and for the election of a Hospital Trustee for that part of the old Gilt Edge District lying within this division. The Municipal office, Wainwright with Joseph Nicholson, D.R.O.; the Mayfield School with Walter Rathwell, D.R.O.; the Battle Heights School with J. H. Fletcher, D.R.O.; the Fayban School with Harold King, D.R.O.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that a meeting of the electors of the Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 392, will be held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 19th day of February, 1944, in the town of Wainwright for the discussion of Municipal affairs, and at the same place and on the same day the Returning Officer will receive nominations of candidates for the offices of Councillor, and Hospital Trustee from 3 o'clock p.m. to 4 o'clock p.m., and that if an election is necessary the same shall be held on Saturday, February 26, 1944.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that we hold additional Rate-payers' meeting for the discussion of Municipal affairs at Chauvin on the 14th day of February, 1944, at Edgerton on the 15th day of February, 1944, and at Irma on the 17th day of February, 1944.

Moved by Cirs. Fahner that we issue a letter of recommendation to Matthew White in connection

with his application for a license to operate a poolroom in Ribstone.

Public Works
A delegation from the Village of Chauvin headed by Mayor L. D'Albertanson, waited on Council regarding the road through the said village as constructed by C. Nicodemus. They requested information and advice regarding our contract with the said contractor.

Moved by Cirs. Taylor that the Reeve be empowered to negotiate with Thomas Kirwin for the graveling of the Edgerton corner at the intersection of Highway No. 14.—Carried.

A letter was received from the Department regarding the boundaries of the Village of Chauvin, Edgerton and Irma. This was read and ordered filed.

Moved by Cirs. Strachan that the Secretary write D. W. Richy, District Engineer, regarding Main-tainers formerly used on Highway No. 14, between Wainwright and Chauvin.—Carried.

Cirs. Archibald gave a report regarding the gravel taken from Mrs. M. M. Tripp's land.

Moved by Cirs. Archibald that Mrs. M. Tripp be paid the sum of \$50 for the gravel pit on the SE 16-45-9-4 to the extent of 2 acres if necessary.—Carried.

Municipal Property
Frank Baska waited on Council regarding the SE and the N's 17-44-9-4 in connection with the Contract held by T. Bereth.

Moved by Cirs. Archibald that the Secretary be instructed to place a seizure on sufficient grain on the SE and N's 17-44-9-4 to protect the Municipal District's equity on this land which is under contract to T. Bereth.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Archibald that Cirs. Spencer make an appraisal of the house on the NW 6-42-3-4 and report to the next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that Bylaw No. 45 concerning the sale of the SE 32 and the SW 32-42-4-4 be given third reading and finally passed, and that the Reeve and Secretary be authorized to sign the same and affix the seal.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Strachan that the offer to purchase the NE 4-45-3-4 received from William Lasko be accepted, and that he be notified to forward the necessary down payment and on receipt of same a Bylaw will be prepared.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Fahner that the offer to purchase the N's 2-43-1-4 received from Lloyd Baynham be accepted, and that he be notified to forward the necessary down payment on receipt of which a Bylaw will be prepared.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Archibald that the account of E. Mills regarding the fence of the W's 24-44-7-4 and floors on the house situated on the same property be disallowed.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that the NW 32-41-8-4 be appraised by our assessor and a report made to the next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Strachan that the lease on the SE 13-44-1-4 now held by Mr. N. C. Harris be renewed for another year.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that the Secretary be instructed to notify Drs. Perl and Eid that we have made an investigation of the case of Leo E. Jackson, and have found he is not indigent, therefore, we are not responsible for his account.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Archibald that we instruct our Secretary to recommend to the Department an increase of 25 per cent. in all Mothers' Allowances in this District.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that we recommend to the Old Age Pension Department that full pension be granted to Mrs. Isabel Goodale.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Spencer that the Secretary be instructed to request from the Wainwright School Division the amount paid per inoculation and the total amount paid by the School Division for this service.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Strachan that in the opinion of this Council the charges presented by the Provincial Mental Hospital for Clarence Furukawa, Ernest Furukawa, Gordon Craddock, and Adele McIn in the amount at this date of \$5,595.75

Greetings

To all my friends and patrons. It is my sincere wish that your Christmas may be merry and the New Year may bring you continued prosperity and Happiness. With a hopeful prayer for world peace in 1944, and a thank you for the privilege of serving you during the past year.

M. STILMAN, Truckman—Irma

PAPER STICKERS FOR 1944 CAR LICENSES

Alberta motorists will be issued windshield stickers instead of metal plates for the license year that opens April 1, next, according to information which the Alberta Motor Association has received from the provincial government. Two stickers will be issued, one for the windshield and the other for the rear window. These will be approximately 5½ by 3½ in. in size.

Use of the stickers has become necessary through the difficulty of obtaining metal for number plates. As a result the province has ordered 100,000 sets of stickers which are to be manufactured by a firm in Eastern Canada, and will be delivered in January. Preparations will then be made for the stickers to be issued with the gasoline ration books during March, prior to the opening of the new license year.

Several Canadian provinces already have adopted the paper sticker system for next year's licensing. The system also was in use in some of the states in 1942, and again this year.

SOCIAL CREDITORS WIN RED DEER BYE-ELECTION

David Ure, of Innisfail, was the successful candidate in the Red Deer constituency bye-election held last Thursday. On the first count Mr. Ure led the poll by a scant 70 votes over W. J. Edgar, Independent party candidate. Mr. Johns, C.C.F. candidate, who was expected in some quarters to win the seat, ran a poor third. In the recount held Saturday Mr. Ure gained second choices to win this election which revealed the most of the C.C.F. second choices went to the Social Credit candidate. Premier Manning has hailed it as a great victory for Social Credit.

NOTICE OF INTEREST

A notice of interest to the travelling public. Please take notice that the Edmonton-Wainwright bus will run both ways on Wednesday, December 22nd and 29th, but will not run on Xmas or New Year's Day. Otherwise the timetable will be the same as before. Following January 1st the bus will follow the old time-table, and will not run on Wednesday and Sunday of each week.

is an unfair charge against this District, and that we refuse recognition of same as we consider these patients a proper charge of the Provincial Government, and that the Hospital be notified to this effect.—Carried.

Miscellaneous
Mr. Townley-Smith waited on Council re several Agricultural matters.

Moved by Cirs. Sutherland that if Mr. Townley-Smith with the assistance of our Agricultural Committee is successful in organizing a Junior Forage Crop Club we will be willing to support this project to the extent of supplying one-half of the necessary seed.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Taylor that at present he can see no reason why our decision regarding the Legion Hostess House should be changed.—Carried.

Moved by Cirs. Fahner that we do now adjourn our next meeting to be held on January 13, 1944.—Carried.

PLANTING TREES IN ALBERTA THE IMPORTANCE OF

It is the season of the year when emphasis is laid by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands and Mines on the importance of planting trees in Alberta, and the value of shelter belts to Alberta farms as a result. Since 1932 many hundreds of thousands of trees have been sent throughout the province for this purpose by the Alberta Forest Service.

This section of the Alberta Government's forestry work is now well known. Many agricultural areas have benefited from it, and many more will do so.

The protection from adverse winds created by shelter belts works wonders in home life and gardens. Growth is quickly advanced as a result of such shelters, to say nothing of the beauty of protecting foliage created by the trees.

Preparation for the next year's shipments is now underway, and the following rules and procedure in connection with applying for trees are given.

Trees free of charge, excepting the express charge covering shipment, are to be given by the Forest service to farmers in the province for the following purposes:

1. For planting within natural poplar or willow bluffs.
2. For replacements in established windbreaks or shelter belts.
3. For additions to established windbreaks or shelter belts, where the trees planted are set out close enough to the old plantation that they receive protection against wind, and in the case of conifers, against the sun, by the established trees.

Applications for rural schools and cemeteries will be given consideration.

All applications must be filled in and received in the office of the Director of Forestry, Administration Building, Edmonton, before January 31st, 1944, otherwise they will not be given consideration.

Pearls should be restrung at least once a year, meanwhile examine threads for signs of wear. Do not twist or toy with pearls when wearing them. Lay them flat when you put them away. Occasionally rub them with a chamois, going in between the beads to remove deposit collected on them. Clean your pearls with a mild soap and warm water. Use a small soft brush.

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ROAD TO VICTORY IS A LONG ONE

Britain Warned By Leaders That War Not Yet Won

Excitement over Italy's capitulation sent British leaders to the platforms to warn the nation that though the gleam of victory has become brighter, there is still a hard, bloody path ahead.

Shortly after the invasion of Italy began Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister, said bluntly "make no mistake about this—the war is far from won" in a speech to an Air Training Corps squadron.

"The War in Europe will not be marching through Berlin," he said. "The road to Berlin is a long one. We shall then have to redouble our efforts to help China and settle with the war lords of Japan, so it is sheer folly to talk of it not being worthwhile to join the A.T.C. because the war will soon be over."

Sir Stafford Cripps twice warned of dangers of over-optimism sapping the nation's strength and asked that "the lightning of our anxieties... bring fresh determination to put our very greatest efforts into war production."

Sir Stafford who is minister of aircraft production, also spoke of the tougher phases ahead in cracking first Germany, then Japan.

In another way, Maj. Gwilym Lloyd George, minister of fuel, set clear the tasks ahead. He warned that every military advance meant more responsibility for Britons, responsibility in seeing that advances were not held up by irresponsibility at home. Coal must be supplied to Italy, he said, but he gave to Britons, who had raised protests against exporting coal to defeated countries the assurance that they were not going to be asked to freeze this winter in order that former enemies might live in comfort.

Even if the "ministers had not spoken out as they did, in all probability the turn of the fighting after the first few days of unopposed advances in Italy probably would have had the effect they sought to make. The viciousness of the German assault on the American 5th Army on the Salerno beaches cut short whatever celebrations were continuing and brought a renewed realization that the Nazis would be a different mark than the Italians.

A Dog Story

Family Pet, Lost For Six Months, Returns Home From A Long Distance

Lost for six months—then came home. This is the story of "Tillie". Last Christmas Rev. Garis T. Long, a minister living in Ashland, Kentucky, and his wife, paid a visit to his parents at Jonesville, South Carolina. Tillie, their dog, went with them. In some way Tillie got lost. A careful search was made, advertisements put in the local papers, but in vain. He and Mrs. Long went home greatly disturbed.

Six months later, July 2, while attending with a group of young people, a picnic, Mrs. Long suddenly saw Tillie coming through the woods, headed evidently straight for their home. Recognizing the dog she called, and it, hearing the familiar call, came to her with affectionate greeting. Tillie was weatherbeaten, half-starved and evidently nearly exhausted. The dog must have travelled across South Carolina, through North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

This story came to us in a newspaper clipping. To verify it we wrote at once to Mr. Long and have related it here as he told it to us in his letter.—Our Dumb Animals.

Axis Plane Losses

10,000 Fox Craft Downed Over United Kingdom And West Europe. Lord Sherwood, under-secretary for air, declared that more than 10,000 enemy planes have been destroyed over Britain and western Europe and another 5,000 over the Mediterranean area, not including Italian aircraft.

Presumably he referred to Axis losses for the entire war.

The magazine Aeroplane lists Axis losses on all fronts except Russia and the Far East at 17,693 shot down in aerial combat or by anti-aircraft fire up to Oct. 10.

BRITAIN'S HOME GUARD

The Home Guard in Great Britain consists entirely of men too old or too young, or for some good reason, exempt from military service. These men, nearly 2,000,000 of them, are virtually all full-time workers in war industries or have essential jobs. Their soldiering is done in their spare time.

BLOOD PLASMA PREPARED FROM CANADIANS' DONATIONS SAVES LIVES OF WOUNDED ON WORLD BATTLEFRONTS



Blood plasma, prepared from blood donations made to the Canadian Red Cross Society in Canada is saving the lives of countless wounded soldiers on war fronts where Canadian troops are fighting. At left an operation is pictured in progress at an advanced medical centre in the Mediterranean war theatre. A vein in the patient's arm is being opened and made ready to receive a transfusion of fluid prepared from dried blood plasma and distilled water.

Algiers.—Advancement of medical science during recent years in the preparation and use of dried blood plasma today saving the lives of countless battlefield casualties.

Sharing the use of this magnificent discovery with the medical corps of the Russian, British, American and other Allied armies are the skilled surgeons of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

In Italy today, as during the recent Sicilian campaign, this dried blood serum obtained from the blood donated in Canada to the Canadian Red Cross has been instrumental in keeping doctors from wounds sustained on the battlefield at the humanly possible minimum.

Enjoying immense advantages over other factors cause deterioration. Normal blood, the dried substitute possesses all the life-saving properties of blood itself. Unlike normal blood, which can be kept safely only about 10 or 12 days, and in hot climates, an even shorter length of time, dried blood can be kept for months and years under any conditions, and all that is necessary to reconstitute it is the addition of distilled water.

And since the red cells are removed, leaving only the protein in solution, the difficulty of establishing the proper blood groups of the recipient and donor is eliminated.

It was during the past three or four years that science found that



—Canadian Army Overseas Photo.

This picture, taken at an advanced medical centre in the Mediterranean war theatre shows use of dried blood plasma, made from blood donations given by Canadians, in saving lives of wounded soldiers. Fluid made up from blood plasma and distilled water is flowing into the vein of a patient in a medical tent as a transfusion takes place. The fluid is contained in the bottle hanging upside down on the pole and passes into the patient's veins through the tube.

the immediate treatment of shock resulting from loss of blood could be effected by using certain constituents of blood, notably the proteins.

It is still true that when shock is the result of the loss of a great deal of blood, a certain amount of whole blood will ultimately be necessary in addition to blood substitutes. But medical science has well established that blood substitutes are of the greatest value in the immediate saving of lives. This is particularly true in the case of burns, but it also applies to all types of shock seen during war.

The transportation and preservation of liquid blood substitutes presents a number of difficulties. The extremes of temperature, the agitation

of moving a long distance and under the circumstances such as those which exist in North Africa and Italy, these difficulties have been circumvented by the application of much the same principle to these liquid products as those which are used in the drying of vegetables and other foods.

What is done is simply the removal of the water content. In the case of blood, this leaves a yellowish powdered material which looks not unlike bath salts. This product stands the extremes of temperature and can be kept sterile under almost any conditions for months and years. Dried blood gives every man brought wounded from the battlefield a better chance of life.

Paying Income Tax

Attractive Prices For Fur Have Brought Prosperity To Eskimos

The Eskimos who didn't want to buy any income tax, thanks, are buying it in quantity today and being pretty cheerful about it, too.

Inspector D. J. Martin, commanding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" (Arctic) division, said that good fur catches and attractive prices have brought prosperity to the hunters of the lone lands.

With prosperity, they have been introduced to taxation and not the least interesting of the things about taxation is the labor of the Mountie who must complete their income tax forms and make the assessment.

Following his annual patrol of the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and Eastern Arctic by air this year—covering 14,000 miles—Inspector Martin found that several Eskimos have entered the income-taxpaying class.

"An Eskimo family in a district where white foxes are numerous may take 1,000 in a season," he said. "That means they may have an income of \$35,000, definitely within the taxable limit."

When the Mounted Police began explaining to Western Arctic Eskimos about income tax last year they were politely informed that the natives weren't interested in buying any.

This led to profound explanations and eventual understanding.

Secret Weapons

None Of These Weapons Have Dependended Upon Entirely New Principles

All the "secret weapons" are not one side. Nor, for that matter, do many of them seem to involve any particular secrets, except the secret that they are being prepared. In this, as in most other wars, the achieving of technical advantage has rested much less upon the development of wholly new or surprising inventions than on the intelligence and promptness with which the possibilities of existing devices are grasped and adapted to military ends.

The war has been the appearance of a number of new weapons—the magnetic and acoustic mines and torpedoes, the radio detection devices, the remarkable controlling mechanisms for airplane gun turrets and tank-mounted artillery, the precision bomb sight, the German remote-controlled glider-bombs and the numerous variations of the rocket gun, which are now blossoming in all armies.

None of these weapons depended on a wholly new principle; most of them have been readily imitated by the side against which they were used, or else independently developed by both sides, and none has had a decisive effect.—New York Herald Tribune.

Speed Victory With Victory Bonds.

Led Famous Raid



Wing Comdr. Guy P. Gibson, 25-year-old R.C.A.F. veteran, is shown in New York as he told how he led the famous raid which wiped out the Moehne and Eder dams, last May.

UNBREAKABLE CONTAINERS

At a factory in East Scotland which produces especially designed unbreakable oil containers which can be dropped by parachute or thrown from moving lorries, 80% of the workers are women.

The King's harvest in Windsor's Great Park is double that of last year.

Cargo Of Walnut

Ship Built At Toronto Crossed The Atlantic In 1886

A ship built at Toronto arrived at Liverpool on Oct. 4, 1886, says Fred Williams in the Toronto Globe and Empire. She was the City of Toronto, 168 feet long and 1,000 tons burthen, built in the shipyards of Hayes Brothers & Company on the site of the present mammoth union depot at Toronto. She had been launched with due ceremony on April 3, the customary bottle of wine being broken as she slid into Lake Ontario and made the biggest splash on record in Toronto Bay. Three months later she was fully equipped and early in August sailed from Toronto for Liverpool with passengers and "a full cargo of walnut."

It was not until Sept. 6 that she left Quebec and she reached Liverpool in 23 days. After landing her passengers and precious walnut she turned around and went back to Quebec to engage in the overseas timber trade, then in its most flourishing period, but her sea life was short, for she was cast ashore on the coast of Nova Scotia in the autumn of 1886 and was a total loss.

RAGS PUT TO GOOD USE

Rags saved in Great Britain last year made two million battledresses, two thousand acres of felt, thousands of overcoats and blankets, and a million maps and charts.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

EARNESTNESS

A man in earnest finds means, or if he cannot find, creates them.—Channing.

The reformer must be a hero at all points, he must have conquered himself before he can conquer others. Sincerity is more successful than genius or talent.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The superior man is slow in his words and earnest in his conduct.—Confucius.

Without earnestness no man is ever great or does really great things. He may be the cleverest of men; he may be brilliant, entertaining, popular; but he will want weight.—Bayne.

To impress others we must be earnest; to amuse them, it is only necessary to be kindly and fanciful.—Tuckerman.

There are important cases in which the difference between half a heart and a whole heart makes just the difference between signal defeat and a splendid victory.—A. H. K. Boyd.

The University of Salerno, Italy, is the oldest in Europe, founded in the ninth century.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

Soldiers Shift To R.C.A.F. For Aircrew Training



—R.C.A.F. Photo.

This group of young Canadians who went overseas in khaki, returned not long ago in air force blue. They changed their uniform while overseas, transferring from the Canadian Army to the R.C.A.F. in England. Most of them have completed the first phase of their aircrew training at an Initial Training Wing of the Royal Air Force, and are ready immediately for flying training here. Army and Air Force have recently announced a co-operative recruiting scheme whereby transfer from service to service is facilitated for men whose qualifications specially fit them for duty in a different arm. At recruiting offices also, men are interviewed by both army and Air Force officers before deciding in which service they will enlist.

ARMY NURSES ARE BRAVE UNDER FIRE

Veteran Says Service Women Usually Cooler Than Most Men

It will surprise no one who knows the record of the army nurse since the Crimean War to learn that she is again proving herself the equal of men under something very like combat conditions. At the Licata landing in Sicily, for instance, the nurses of an evacuation hospital disembarked on the heels of the infantry; made themselves at home, first, under fire in fox holes; then, on the ground with one blanket in infantry shelter-halves; in the famous pup tent, that is. For food and water, during this baptism of fire, each nurse had one B and one C ration and one canteen of chlorinated water. Once set up and the Geneva Cross unrolled, the hospital was spared shelling and bombing, but until then, for many hours, nurses were exposed to fire and to the deadly rain of flak. They were cheerful, uncomplicated and calm in the best tradition of the corps.

The behavior of the nurses of this single evacuation hospital was not only according to tradition but typical of women under fire in this war. It has long been remarked by male veterans of field service, medical corps and infantry, that the so-called weaker sex is often cooler under fire than the allegedly stronger. Coming from wounded men who have recently been in the thick of combat, the remark is a nice compliment to say the least. Used to the worst horrors of peace, as most men are not, these young women—some of the best of them are no longer young—take the horrors of war in their stride. Death and wounds have been a part of their routine in civil life. But this familiarity does not explain their sang froid in facing death and wounds on their own account. Quite the contrary. It is due to a strong personal courage that knows the worst and faces it down with a nonchalance that surprises the veteran soldier.—New York Herald Tribune.

Canada Stands High

Is Contributing Greatly In Every Way To Coming Victory

Today Canada stands higher among the nations of the world than before the outbreak of the war. Amid all the internal wranglings, Canadians may well keep this fact in mind. The strain of maintaining the pace of the struggle is spitting the country in several ways, but it is still nominally one country and it is still engaged in the war. Canada is a charter member of the war, one of that small company among the United Nations that took up the war's burden of her own free will and has continued all these terrible years, not because she herself attacked, like Russia and the United States, but because she foresaw an attack was certain to come and went out to meet it for the safety of every Canadian home.

In spite of the blunders this country has made, her good works far outweigh her mistakes. Her allies have not always been right in all their plans and operations, and her enemies made the vast miscalculation of trying to bring the whole world to heel. In comparison with these other peoples who live on the earth today, and in the long view of the records of nations, the less than a dozen million Canadians, by early facing up to disaster, are now seen as contributing greatly in arms and armed men to the victory that begins to appear in steeper focus somewhere through the flame and misery ahead.—The Printed Word.

Bond Of Empire

Reason Why Canada Should Be In Close Co-operation With West Indies

There are very real reasons why the Dominion of Canada, close to the West Indies geographically and in bond of Empire and trade relationship, should be granted a larger sphere of influence in any projected economic reconstruction of these colonies.

Grown now to full maturity as a nation within the Commonwealth, both politically and industrially, the Dominion, we believe, is now capable in every way to undertake the administration, defence and development of the West Indies, at least with mandatory responsibility if not in confederation.

Whatever the future holds, it is both logical and prudent that the closest possible relationship should exist between the Dominion and her Caribbean neighbors. Such a relationship would benefit the Dominion, the West Indies and would serve in further consolidation of the ideals of the British Commonwealth of Nations.—Canada-West Indies Magazine. 2539

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY— "PROBATIONER"

—By—

Margaret Feyn Headland
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

THE first time Peter saw her she was walking down the hospital corridor with a pot of red tulips in her arms. Tall and slim, her smooth black hair parted in the middle and her large gray eyes intelligently alert, she wore her uniform like a queen's robe.

Peter drew a deep breath. "Who is she, Mac?" he asked a fellow inmate.

"Anne Bradford," Mac watched her disappear into the women's ward. "She's a probationer—came in last fall. Renshaw's put her on the flower service for a while. She's afraid if she started her taking temperatures the readings wouldn't be accurate—at least not in the men's ward."

"Introduce me," begged Peter, but Mac shook his head and hurried away, leaving Peter to recall a dressing in the women's ward which could be done now as well as later. Old Mrs. Fagin was crocheting. "I'm tired of lying here," she grumbled. "Every day you say the job is better but every night it keeps me awake."

"The leg really is better, Mrs. Fagin. So much better that I'm going to let you walk a bit today." Peter found himself listening to Anne Bradford's voice as she talked to another patient. "At my home in Holland, Michigan," Anne was saying, "thousands of tulips come from many States to see them."

Was it Peter's imagination or was there a strain of homesickness in her fresh young voice? He walked her in the corridor. "I'm Peter England," he said. "My home is near Holland and I've seen the tulips many times. They're wonderful, aren't they?"

She smiled in a way that lighted up her whole face and they stood and talked together until Peter saw Miss Renshaw, the supervisor, get out of the elevator. "See you again," he said softly, and went his way.

In the weeks that followed Peter and Anne became real friends. Peter confided his ambition to be as great a surgeon as Dr. Sykes and was able to keep Anne from uttering discouragement on several occasions when Miss Renshaw's sharp tongue had brought tears to her eyes.

Gradually Miss Renshaw learned that Anne Bradford had something more than a lovely face and excellent posture. She saw that she was loved by every patient with whom she came in contact, that she was quick and deft with her hands and had a real love for the hard profession she had chosen. And one day when two emergencies came in within an hour, she gave Anne her first bit of responsibility.

Peter wasn't around to hear the supervisor say to Anne, "There's a case just coming down from surgery into the women's ward. Stay with her until Miss Redden comes up from the emergency room. Report any unusual occurrence immediately. No medication—of course."

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But two hours later Miss Renshaw called Peter. "There's an emergency case in the women's ward is hemorrhaging. Get Sykes immediately. I've already sent the patient back to surgery."

As Peter proceeded to the operating room he wondered what could have happened to Mrs. Bruning. He had assisted Dr. Sykes with that ulcer operation and knew there had been no complications. What could have happened in the hour the patient had been back in the ward? If she had been given water, that might have started the hemorrhage.

Suddenly he had a dreadful thought. He remembered meeting Anne in the corridor when he came down from surgery. He had noticed how lovely she looked with so much color in her cheeks. And, when she had asked, "Is it all right for me to give a patient a drink of water?" he had answered, "Of course," thinking she meant one of the chronic to whom she gave routine care. Could that have been the ulcer case?

He had given water to Mrs. Bruning, he—Anne—was responsible for that had happened. He passed Anne in the corridor as she came down from surgery. He saw Miss Bradford going to be all right," she asked anxiously.

"Yes, Doctor," said Miss Renshaw meekly. "But I felt sure in trusting her. There was a second's hesitation. I took the blame on myself. You don't think it possible, do you?" asked Miss Renshaw sternly, "that Miss Bradford could have given the patient water?"

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Our Boys And Girls On Active Service

(By J. G.)

He got the Military Medal. A simple statement, but here is what Acting Corp. Melvin J. Taje of National Mills, Manitoba, did in Italy, to win it. At daylight, Aug. 4, mules carrying weapons and ammunition for a M.G. platoon were either killed or dispersed. Taje worked forward under fire, removed the locks of the guns, making them valuable to the enemy. He lost his platoon, and reported to the Regiment and found two enemy machine gun emplacements holding up the advance. Despite the fire, he crept out again and got guns and ammunition back on several trips, which took him about four hours. Thus the Regiment was enabled to advance and silence the emplacements.

Canadian Navy men have unusual experiences. Lt.-Commander W. D. Brown helped to pick up survivors of a Nazi U-boat in mid-ocean. The first man to climb aboard was the sub-captain. Brown immediately recognized him as a merchant seaman he had met in Rotterdam before the war. "The recognized each other. 'It didn't want to talk to him,' said Brown, 'and I guess he felt the same way.'"

Many of our prairie boys are in Labrador. The cold winter nights are to be endured by varied entertainment, according to a report from the Knights of Columbus Army Huts. A concert is on tap for this month at the headquarters of the members of the R.C.A.F. and United States Army.

Popularity of Canada overseas is evidenced by the fact that more than 41,000 have been invited to spend their furloughs at British homes.

Able Seaman Barber W. Sewell of Stony Mountain, Manitoba, where he used to be a guard in the penitentiary, was on shore patrol duty one day, when a sailor was down in the mouth because he couldn't go ashore. He couldn't get a haircut. Sewell offered to do it, like he had for some of the Pen inmates. Others wanted a haircut, too. They liked his work, and now A. B. Sewell has a steady job clipping the lads in the navy.

2nd Lieut. M. J. Horner, daughter of Senator R. B. Horner of Blaine Lake, Sask., has been transferred by the CWAC to Saskatoon to take charge at that point.

What a family record. Anxious to do her part is a recent enlistee in the CWAC, Mary Chornod, of Elmwood, Sask. Her father, who is with the Veterans' Guard of Canada. A brother Johnny is overseas. Bill is with the army in Canada. Besides one of a group of 30 girls, just enlisted have one to three members of the family in the services.

Itching Scalp

A Simple Home Treatment

If your scalp has broken out with ugly itching and irritation, use the new DIG with flange—a salve that only serves to make it worse and spread it. Go to your drugist today—get a bottle of Moore's Emerald Oil and use this mixed with an equal quantity of olive oil. It's easy to use—all you do is apply to the scalp with your finger tips gently rubbing into the roots of the hair. Do this at least once a day and about a week later, day shampoo using a good soap. Soon you'll find this itching and itchy scalp, promoting faster healing. Continue the treatment until the itching has disappeared. Continue for 2 weeks, and if then you are still distressed get your money back. Druggists everywhere sell Emerald Oil.

Trade Is Lively

Sale Of Proverbs In Holland Does Not Please Nazis

In Holland they are saying it with proverbs. Shop windows carrying signs like these:

"Who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind." Or: "Everything will come out right." Or: "When the need is greatest, relief is near."

A Dutch Nazi newspaper is quoted by the office of war information as having complained at the lively trade in proverbs.

VILLAGES WIPED OUT

The Germans have acknowledged that two entire Polish villages were wiped out and more than 1,200 other Poles were killed in retaliation for 16 assassinations in the Bialystok province of Poland last July, the Polish telegraph agency reported.

I STOPPED "DOSING" MY CONSTIPATION AND CORRECTED THE CAUSE!

● In these busy days of war you owe it to your country—as well as to yourself—to keep "in the pink." That's why it's so important to avoid the common type of constipation caused by lack of "bulk" in the diet. And to be getting right at the cause instead of "dosing" with harsh purgatives that give only temporary relief. Just follow this simple plan. Eat

Here's a QUICK WAY to Curb BRONCHIAL COUGHS-COLDS ASTHMA

Relief Comes While You Sleep

If you have a cough or cold that hangs on in spite of everything—just try BUCKLEY'S Mixture, Canada's largest selling cough and cold remedy. This grand prescription really cracks down on brings blessed relief while you sleep. A few sips clears stuffed-up head passages, loosens the tough cough, soothes the rasp in your throat. Always tops—Buckley's Mixture is now better than ever. The new improved formula is all medication—no syrup—acts faster—goes farther—and being highly alkaline more quickly corrects the over acid condition that makes coughs and colds hang on. Still sells for only 40c and 75c. Get a Bottle TODAY.

IT'S BETTER IT'S BUCKLEY'S THAT'S WHY

Not Much Revenue

Major Of The Salvation Army At Edmonton Tells This Story

Major R. Shaw of the Salvation Army Corps at Edmonton reported the following incident: It appears there was too much swearing on the Alaska Highway, so the men in one of the Administration offices at Fort St. John decided to put up a box in their office and the penalty for every "cuss" word was one dime. This showed up the swearing so effectively that soon there was no more money going into the box. They opened it, and sent the contents, one dollar to the Salvation Army with the enclosed note: "Sorry that we don't swear more on the Alaska Highway but \$1 is the best we can do."

Apple-a-Day Apron



The Other Enemy

Fog and Icebergs Bring Additional Worry To Atlantic Convoys

These are the days—and the nights—when that "other enemy" creeps in on the long, silent convoys running without lights in the wartime Atlantic to bring additional worries to the men who travel the sealanes.

That "other enemy" is the Will-O'-the-Wisp, of the weather—fog and icebergs—fog, scarce to help them to beat back the Nazi conquerors. That essential fog was provided in large measure by the farmers of Canada, and you have gone on providing it through all the difficult times that have passed since."

Pattern 4575 is available in sizes small (32-34), medium (36-38) and large (40-42). Small size takes 1½ yards 35-inch fabric.

Send twenty cents (20) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man.

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Woman Diplomat

Once Crossed Canada With The Mobile Canteen

Mrs. Betty Gibbs—who has just been appointed one of Britain's few women diplomats—is no stranger to Canadians.

The vivacious, sparkling brunette, appointed attaché on Lord Halifax's Washington staff, rattled across Canada in 1941 in the "Iron Duke."

The Duke was a battered mobile canteen from which Mrs. Gibbs and co-canteen workers had served tea during the worst of London's "blitz." Wherever they stopped, Mrs. Gibbs gave talks about the work of the canteen unit and about the ordeal by fire that was pouring down on Britain at that time.

Reporters who interviewed the sprightly English-woman during her pilgrimage remember her as "good copy," charming, friendly and interesting. Probably it was these qualities that got her the job, a few months later, as receptionist at the British Embassy in Washington.

From the front door of the embassy, she's worked herself to an attaché's office in the inner sanctum, and is quoted as one of the key members of the Washington staff.

Mrs. Gibbs, who was widowed in 1941, had two stepsons in school in Eastern Canada, but the boys are now back in England attending Eton. She is a daughter of Sir Harry Snagge, a London banker.

Following Mrs. Gibbs as receptionist is Mrs. Yoski Gurdin, who was a companion on the Iron Duke trek, and who is a relative of Prime Minister Churchill.

Aid To Britain

Hon. Malcolm MacDonald Pays Tribute To Canadian Farmers

Right Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, said at the formal opening of the Export Food Show held recently in Ottawa, that the occasion provided him with an opportunity to pay tribute on behalf of the people of Britain to the vital part Canadian farmers have played in the war.

"In 1940 and the first half of 1941 the citizens of Britain had to bear the full fury of the attack of a stupendously victorious foe," said Mr. MacDonald.

"To survive their ordeal they had to be in possession of a few essential things. First they had to have a fearless spirit; that they were given by Divine Providence. Then they had to have a strong right arm with which to deal some counter blow at the enemy—that was provided by the immortal group of boys who manned the R.A.F. in those days."

"But also the people of Britain needed sufficient food to keep body and soul together until the forces of freedom all round the world should come to help them to help them to beat back the Nazi conquerors. That essential food was provided in large measure by the farmers of Canada, and you have gone on providing it through all the difficult times that have passed since."

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As we reflect upon the past year we recollect the pleasant associations we have had with our friends and customers and to them all we extend

SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THIS
HAPPIEST OF SEASONS

Irma Drug Store



Once again the Joyous Christmas Season returns with remembrance of pleasant associations and gives us an opportunity of wishing you

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
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AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

We thank you for past patronage and
hope to serve you in the
New Year

HANSEN'S SERVICE STATION — IRMA

Thank You!

and
Best Wishes to Everyone

Let us hope that 1944 will see the dawn of peace, and victory to our arms in the just cause for which we are fighting. Let us hope that we will see our gallant boys home from foreign lands, and back into gainful employment and happy homes again.

We will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO., LTD.
H. L. Black, Manager



**Season's
Greetings**

AND THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

We gratefully acknowledge your
valued patronage and hope we may
continue to serve you the New Year

SATHER'S SUPER SERVICE—Irma

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fenton are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their first born—a son—on December 22nd, at the Wainwright Hospital.

John Bars and Ivan Hardy left last Saturday for Vancouver, B.C. The January meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Ott, Thursday, January 6. Hostesses: Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Long. Roll call to be answered with "New Year Resolutions."

Will all the boys in the Irma district, 15 to 18 years of age, both inclusive, who are interested in joining the Air Cadets please leave their names with Mr. Ross McFarland, Ernest Carter or at the Times office. Particulars as to forming a squadron here and the individual requirements will be on hand shortly.

Ray Quinlan is now a member of No. 12 Squadron Air Cadets of Edmonton, and is now home for Xmas.

The Irma United Church Sunday School put on a Christmas concert in the church last Tuesday evening. The attendance was very good, and the different numbers on the program were enjoyed by all. During the evening a collection was taken up to be divided equally between the Children's Protestant Home in Edmonton and Wood's Christian Home in Calgary as a Christmas gift in aid of these homes. The sum of \$20 was collected, which will be a worthwhile contribution to this worthy cause.

Mrs. R. H. Hadlow and children, of Edmonton, have arrived back in Irma for Christmas with other members of the family.

Monday, December 27th, has been declared a public holiday by the Provincial Government. Therefore places of business in Irma will be closed all day.

Mr. Floyd Fuder has made good headway making ice at the skating rink. He has been working night and day for some time, and the rink is practically ready for skating at this date, December 22.

Miss Ethel Arnold arrived home from Edmonton last Friday for her Christmas holidays.

Miss Lois Longmire is home from the University for the holiday season.

Please remember the Edmonton-Wainwright bus will run on Wednesday, December 29, but will not run on New Year's Day.

Please hand in your news items for Christmas and New Year activities for the next issue of The Times which will be dated January 7. The boys far from home at this time will be glad of clippings from the local paper.

Mr. Wm. Jenkins arrived on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson.

The C.C.F. will start their Saturday evening whist drives on Saturday, January 8, in Hedley's Hall. Playing will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

FOR SALE — A pure bred Tamworth Boar, not registered. Eighteen months old. Price \$30.00. O. C. Lovig, Jarrov. 2 insp

FOR SALE OR TRADE — A 1937 Dodge Sedan, equipped with heater and radio. A. Ploer, Irma 2 in

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Barristers and Solicitors
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Gold-plated jewelry should be rubbed with a piece of chamois every now and then. If water is used, be sure the jewelry is thoroughly dried. Salt or perspiration are likely to cause gold-plated jewelry to tarnish. If the chamois doesn't clean the jewelry well enough, try a mild silver polish, but be sure to do it very gently so there's no chance of wearing through the thin plating.

Slide fasteners should never be forced—they should be opened and closed by the tab. While laundering or ironing a garment on which there is a slide fastener, make sure the fastener is completely closed. Careless pressing and creasing of the slide fastener may eventually throw some of the teeth out of alignment.

Keep beauty creams fresh. Be sure your jars are always tightly covered—and in a cool place.

Interesting Items From Kinsella

Visitors to the city last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. F. Long and Mrs. J. Beschell.

Mrs. J. Beschell attended the wedding of her nephew, Mr. Ivor Thompson, while in the city.

Warrant officer John Unlocks, who has returned from overseas, is spending furlough here with his father and sister.

Pte. William Green has left for Calgary after spending his few days' leave with his wife.

Mrs. J. L. Scott left on Saturday to spend Christmas and New Year with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot, of Edmonton.

The W. I. held a most successful dance on Wednesday night. The lucky winner of the Xmas cake was Mr. Kinghorn, of Viking. During the evening Father O'Neill of Viking gave those present a talk on the urgent need of buying War Savings Stamps.

The Kinsella W. I. will sponsor the sale of War Saving Stamps in this district.

Mr. G. Witts, who was honorably discharged from the army is now working for the C.N.R. in Edmonton.

Remember the dance to be held in Kinsella on New Year's eve., December 31; proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.

LUTHERAN CHURCH TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

(Luke 2:1-4)

Will the Christmas message bring joy to you? It is God's intention that it should for the Angel's proclamation states that the glad tidings are for all people.

Christianity has the message of joy that all the world needs. In a conversation with an old Buddhist priest one of our missionaries asked this Buddhist this question, "In what way does Christianity differ from your religion, and all other religions?"

After a time of deliberation this Buddhist priest answered, "Christianity offers forgiveness of sins." This old pagan priest made a correct analysis. Forgiveness of sins is not offered by any pagan religion. The Christian message tells us that a "Saviour is born." He received the name of Jesus, for He came to save His people from their sins. Certainly these are "tidings of great joy," that the Saviour came who proclaimed to the lost sinner, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

And because He brings forgiveness of sins He also brings peace. "My peace I give unto you, not as the world give, give I unto you." But He gives peace in this world of tribulation — A "peace which passeth all understanding to keep our hearts and minds in Him."

This message came first to the shepherds. These were the common working people. Like all other people they needed the Saviour; for no people by nature are good enough. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This message of joy is for all who will receive the joy proclaimed. In John 1:12 we read, "As many as received Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God." May we all receive this Christian joy!

A very blessed Christmas and New Year for us all!

J. B. STOLEE.

Wash rayon hose in lukewarm water and mild soap flakes. Be sure to remove your rings; they may catch your hose. Do not wring, stretch or rub the wet stockings. Rayon stockings generally take longer to dry than silk — so, to hasten drying, remove excess moisture by rolling in a towel. Then hang over a wide rod or dry flat. Never dry them in sunlight or near a radiator — and never use clothes pins. Rayon is not as strong when wet as dry — so be sure your stockings are thoroughly dry before wearing. It's a good stunt to alternate two or more pairs of rayon stockings, as they may take 24 hours to dry thoroughly. Rayon stockings have a tendency to stretch. To insure continued proper fit it may be necessary to adjust your garters.

Chill the cups fruit cocktail are served in. Fruit juices or diced fruit cocktails should always be served cold.



It seems too bad that only once a year we wish each other merriment and prosperity.—Let's make it every day next year at

ELFORD'S

Here we are starting it off with a wish for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season's Greetings

To our many friends and customers whose friendship and good will have helped to make the year 1943 a successful one for us, we extend our cordial and sincere thanks. The satisfaction of knowing that we have been privileged to serve such a host of loyal friends, is surpassed only by the pleasure we take in wishing each and all of you

A Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year

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SEED SUPPLIES

Available stocks of seed oats and barley will probably disappear rapidly this winter. There is an acute shortage in eastern Canada; and in large sections of Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan, frost damage has been serious.

We have completed germination tests on 407 samples of oats. Of these, 142 (34.9%) germinated 60% or less. 22 samples (12.8%) germinated 30% or less.

When To Get New Seed

If one's own seed is low in percentage and vigor of germination. If it is not the best variety for the particular district. If it is mixed with seed of other varieties. Or, if it has been badly damaged in threshing.

A good uniform stand can only be obtained with good seed. A poor or patchy stand is a cordial invitation to weeds.

How To Get It

Simply call at a country elevator in which the agent is an authorized distributor of seed or your own Provincial Crop Improvement Association. He has not only seed order forms; but also information on officially recommended varieties. The Crop Improvement Associations are sponsored by Dominion and Provincial Governments. Universities, Seed Growers' Associations and Elevator Companies.

What To Get

It is usually an extravagance to buy registered seed for the entire farm. Buy enough for a seed plot, the crop from which will sow the whole crop the following year. If it is necessary to replace all seed of one or more crops, it is usually wise to buy certified seed, which is cheaper, for the main crop, plus enough registered for a seed plot.

Get ion gservice out of your shoes. If you want to double the life of your shoes, rest them between wearings. Polish improves their good appearance and helps preserve, and keep the leather soft. Heels should be straightened as soon as they begin to wear unevenly. Run-down heels may twist the shoe out of shape and so shorten its life. Watch soles for breaks. Resole only if the uppers justify the expense. Place shoe trees in shoes immediately after wearing — hose racks or bags help keep shoes from being scuffed.

IT'S A
GOOD
IDEA

Does your business need financial help for current operations? Would you like advance funds for your livestock feeding? It's a good idea to see your local Treasury Branch. Your Treasury Branches extend complete loaning facilities to Alberta industries, wholesalers, retailers, ... to towns, villages, municipalities and school areas ... to farmers, primary producers ... and to individuals. Your local branch manager will be glad to explain how loans are made. See him for full details.

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Keep artificial boutonnières fresh. Don't let the stems become bent or droop. When you put the flowers away between wearings, smooth the leaves and petals into shape. You may brush them occasionally, too, with a soft brush and then wrap them carefully in tissue paper until the next wearing.

It is easy to wash a diamond. Boil some water in a pan, add a little household ammonia, drop the diamond in it; then clean the diamond with the ammonia and a nail brush, dry it, and there you are!